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To: Turchie, Donna (TRO-09); Ossi, Joseph (TPL); Hom, Robert <FHWA>
CC: Vozzolo, David (TPL); Libberton, Sean (TPL)
Sent: 2/3/2000 12:49:17 PM
Subject: RE: Honolulu Alternatives

As we discussed, I like Joe's alternatives as they cover all the possibilities for both good planning decisions as well as the information we will need for the New Starts criteria.

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From: Turchie, Donna (TRO-09)
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2000 10:15 AM
To: Ossi, Joseph (TPL); Hom, Robert <FHWA>
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Subject: RE: Honolulu Alternatives

Bob:

Here is Joe's am response. I think there is confusion between BRT and LRT. The build alternative is BRT w/LRT and BRT w/rubber wheel tram. Each of these is with and without sand island. Then we have a build alternative of Sand Island only. The TSC w/o Sand Island and No Build are correct. Maybe we can come up with a better description.

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From: Ossi, Joseph (TPL)
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2000 5:59 PM
To: Turchie, Donna (TRO-09)
Cc: Fisher, Ron (TPL); Vozzolo, David (TPL); Libberton, Sean (TPL)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Alternatives

As I understand it, we are now talking about the following alts:

No-Build
TSM (without Sand Island)
Sand Island
BRT (without Sand Island)
BRT + Sand Island
LRT (without Sand Island)
LRT + Sand Island

Is that it?

It would be helpful to have something in writing from FHWA to support our position. Also is there an agreement that FHWA will be a cooperating agency or co-lead on the NEPA review?

The breadth of the alternatives makes me think that HI should be doing a DEIS at the MIS level -- they are not ready for PE by a long shot.

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From: Turchie, Donna (TRO-09)
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2000 7:12 PM
To: Ossi, Joseph (TPL)
Cc: Fisher, Ron (TPL); Vozzolo, David (TPL)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Alternatives

Hi all:

Today, we had a conference call with FHWA Division in HI and Bob Hom and Katieann Wong from the

resource center in SF to try and flush out these issues.

After much discussion, FHWA believed that Sand Island is NOT a TSM (because of its \$300M plus cost). Then I asked if Sand Island should be a separate build alternative. FHWA Division agreed as did the resource center. We want to get FTA headquarters opinion before we verbally discuss this with the City and County of Honolulu. We don't think this suggestion will go over well with the Mayor or C&C.

Your comments as soon as possible are appreciated. You can call me if you want after 10 am your time. Thanks all.

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From: Ossi, Joseph (TPL)
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2000 4:45 PM
To: Turchie, Donna (TRO-09)
Cc: Fisher, Ron (TPL); Vozzolo, David (TPL)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Alternatives

Donna:

I did discuss with Ron Fisher the TRO-9 proposal to require: (1) a No-Build that does not include Sand Island, and (2) TSM and Build Alternatives both with and without Sand Island. I have not taken another look at the letters yet, but our letter to Honolulu should justify FTA's required alternatives by saying that (1) CEQ regulations require that all reasonable alternatives be considered, (2) the purpose of the NEPA process is to support public decision-making and bundling together the impacts and benefits of the various pieces of the proposed project would mask information on impacts and benefits important to the decisions; and (3) not presenting with and without options would mislead the public and other agencies on what actions are possible.

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From: Turchie, Donna (TRO-09)
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2000 12:06 PM
To: Ossi, Joseph (TPL); Fisher, Ron (TPL)
Subject: FAX on Honolulu

Hi all:

I sent a FAX with letters for your review today, Wed. I guess you are both at home. Please let me know if you don't get your copy. Thanks.

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